Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall consider. If he wants, let him unconditionally withdraw and express regret.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—As a new comer and as a young member in the Legislature I feel that an old and aged Speaker like you, is like my Grandpa and so if I have taken such liberty consciously or unconsciously it is out of love and affection to the Speaker and not with any bad intention. I do not remember what I have spoken, but presuming I have said that, I unconditionally withdraw those words and express regret.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall consider both the things.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅದು ರೆಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮುಂದೆ ತಾವು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall give my ruling.

Point whether "Criminal waste of time" is parliamentary

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, yesterday I sent a motion regarding the words "criminal waste of the time of the House." used on the floor of the House. In this connection, I would invite the attention of the Chair to the proceedings of the House of the People, Vol. II page 1498 of 1952 wherein "wasting the time of the House" is held as unparliamentary and it is all the more so when it is said as "criminal waste of the time of the House." I submit that with reference to this ruling this expression may be ruled as unparliamentary and it should be expunged from the records. The member who used it should also withdraw it unconditionally and he should also express regret for it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The member will kindly pass on that authority to me.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Sir, your ruling on the point regarding privilege motion against Sri S. Nijalingappa may be given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall give it at the end of the day.

Statement by the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs *re:* position of Questions tabled and Answers furnished by the Government.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, yesterday the hon. member Sri Nagappa raised a point and I promised to give information to this House regarding the position of questions and answers. Sir, so far out of 409 questions which are more than 15 days old, we have been able to furnish answers to 280 questions. Out of these 280 questions, 220 questions have been listed and answered on the floor of this House.

Only 129 questions are more than 15 days old. Out of these, Government have asked for your permission for extension of time, for 25 questions. That means about 104 questions remain over and pending at several stages, and for which we have not furnished answers. Perhaps, for some of them, they may be requesting for extension of time, and for some of them they may be able to give information. But, all the same, I can assure this House that all efforts would be made to see that answers are furnished within 15 days. If there are any exceptions, we will approach the Hon'ble Speaker for extension of time.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ನಾನು ಹೋದ ಸೆಷನ್‌ನಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾದ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನನ್ನ ಕೆಲವು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಧಾನ ಸೌಧದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿಕೊಡಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೂ ಸಹ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಉತ್ತರ ಬರುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಕುಂಭಕೋಣ ಏನಾದರು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಾವು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಉತ್ತರ ತರಿಸಬೇಕು.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, the word 'kumbakonam' is unparliamentary.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The hon. Member Sri Jayaprakash Narayan may please withdraw the word 'kumbakonam'.

Sri JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN.—Sir, if it is unparliamentary, I will withdraw.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಕುಂಭಕೋಣ ಎಂದರೆ ಏನು? ತಾವು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ಕುಂಭಕೋಣ ಎಂಬ ಪದ ಅನ್‌ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—Sir, as explained by the hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, he has been kind enough to follow the rules, in respect of 25 questions. The remaining 100 questions are still without the jurisdiction of the rule. Government is the highest forum to maintain law and order and such a forum is not at all following the rules. That is the point that we are making out here. He says that so many questions have been answered. If the questions are within your jurisdiction or within the jurisdiction of our Secretary, we are happy. But, for these 100 questions, are the Government so much afraid to take action against the officers who have not sent the replies? Are you not competent enough to amend the rules? Is our Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, who is anxious to bring a motion against the use of the word 'kumba-konam' and other matters, not competent to take action against officers who have not sent replies? That is why we have to use such words. Is the Government incapable of bringing round the officers?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that certain questions are pending. I would like to know what will be the fate of those questions, whether they go as unstarred questions and printed answers will be supplied or whether they will be carried over to the next Session?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, it is a continuing Session and naturally these questions will be carried over to the next Session.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Questions lapse when there is prorogation of the House. Now, there is no prorogation. The House will be simply adjourned until it is summoned again. The questions will naturally go to the next Sitting.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—As far as these 104 questions are concerned, the Government can approach the Speaker for extension of time, and when approached, it is your discretion to permit or to refuse permission.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—What happens if the permission is refused ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—If the permission is refused, we come under the discipline of the House. Further, I may add that the Government is very anxious to furnish information for all the questions that the hon'ble members have tabled, within the 15 days time. We are making our honest and sincere efforts and when we find that it is not possible to collect the information within 15 days, we are entitled to approach you and convince you and get extension of time. Suppose, you refuse permission, that matter will come up before this House.

Notice of a Privilege motion *re* : non-fulfilment of assurance to amend the Land Revenue Act

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—I had given a notice of Privilage Motion against the Council of Ministers about the private members' Bill in the previous Session in the month of September and the assurance given by the Minister for Revenue.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall give my Ruling and shall explain the situation to the House. Hon. Member Sri Nagappa approached me regarding this matter several times. It is said that the Hon. Minister for Revenue gave an assurance that the Government would come forward with a legislation and on that assurance Sri Nanje Gowda withdrew his Bill, which was meant to amend the Land Revenue Act. The promised assurance not having been fulfilled, the case of Sri Nagappa is that the Hon. Minister for Revenue has committed a breach of privilege. I told him, if an assurance, for some reason or the other is not fulfilled, it does not amount to a breach of privilege. Supposing a post-dated cheque is given, the person who has issued the cheque cannot be said to have committed any offence. This case is just like that.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Supposing it is dishonoured !